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MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION PRESS RELEASE OF
JULY 20 STATES THAT INDIAN AIRLINES WILL PURCHASE ONE NEW
BOEING "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" TO REPLACE 737 WHICH CRASHED
MAY 31. AIRLINE WILL ALSO LEASE THREE CARAVELLES FROM
AEROSPATIALE TO MEET IMMEDIATE CAPACITY NEEDS OCCASIONED
IN PART BY RECENT MISHAPS RENDERING ONE CARAVELLE AND ONE
F-27 INVOPERATIVE. AEROSPATIALE REPORTEDLY OFFERED INDIAN
AIRLINES LEASE OF THREE CARAVELLES AT CONCESSIONAL RATE
OF DOLS 5000 PER MONTH AS PART OF DEAL INVOLVING EVENTUAL
PURCHASE OF AIRBUS, OR FOR STRAIGHT DOLS 25,000 PER MONTH.
WITH INDIAN AIRLINES REEQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION (WHICH WE
UNDERSTAND RECOMMENDS PURCHASE OF ADVANCED 737'S) CURRENTLY
BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT, AIRLINE IS NOT IN POSITION TO
NEGOTIATE ANY DEAL INVOLVING AIRBUS. FYI: WE CONCLUDE,
THEREFORE, THAT CARAVELLE LEASE IS TEMPORARY MEASURE TO
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HELP INDIAN AIRLINES THROUGH VERY TIGHT SPOT AND IS NOT

TIED TO ANY AIRBUS DEAL.
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